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*NY Overseas Press Club
org. New York City
Emergency Newspaper
Placement Committee*

Club Aids Victims of Shutdown

An Emergency Placement Committee to help newsmen displaced by New York's current newspaper strike has gone into action at the urgent request of OPC President *Merrill Mueller*.

All but one of New York's major dailies closed down Sept. 17 after the Newspaper Guild of New York struck *The New York Times*. All city papers which are members of the Publisher's Association also shut down operations in a unanimity move. *The New York Post*, which withdrew from the Publisher's Association during the 114-day strike in 1962-63, continued publication.

The Emergency Committee, headed by *Steve Korsen*, chairman of the OPC's regular Placement Committee, last week circulated offers of skilled men and women to advertising, public relations and other professional groups in the Metropolitan area.

The Committee urges any OPCer who knows of a job opening to call *Korsen* or *Doug Hearle* at MU 7-4100 or *Dick Barr* at PE 6-1493.

Special assignments or part-time jobs are needed. Members of the New York working press, among them some of the top professionals in the country, are available (pending strike settlement) for all phases of editorial work — features, magazine articles, public relations, speechwriting, books, photography, research, special events, and all similar projects.

Called The New York City Emergency Newspaper Placement Committee, the group is composed of *Harold Phelan*, Newspaper Reporters Association; *Jesse Bogue*, Financial Writers Association; *Eugene Haggerty*, Society of the Silurians; *Rosalind Massow*, Newspaper Women's Club; *Terry Mayer*, Publicity Club of New York; *Robert Fitz Gibbon*, Public Relations Society of America, New York Chapter; *Daniel Grossi*, Press Photographers Association; *Ed Silverman*, Radio — Newsreel-TV Working Press; and *Mueller*, representing the OPC.

The current Committee represents essentially the same organizations which assisted professionals during the 1962-63 strike and again when *The New York Mirror* ceased publication.